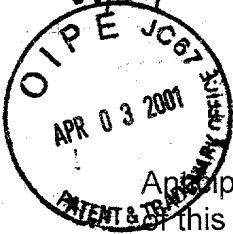




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REQUEST FOR FILING A CONTINUATION APPLICATION  
UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 CFR 1.53(b), of pending prior application serial number 09/470,611, filed on December 22, 1999, by Venkata Katikaneni, et al. for MAILING SYSTEM HAVING FLEXIBLE PRINTING OF MESSAGES.

1. Attached is a copy of the prior application, including the specification, claims, drawings and declaration and power of attorney as originally filed.
2. Cancel in this application original claim(s) 2-12 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee for this application. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)

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3. The filing fee is calculated below:

**CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION  
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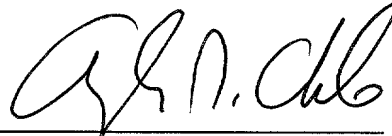
4. Please charge our Deposit Account Number **16-1885** in the amount of \$ 978.00 for the filing fee.
5. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to Account No. **16-1885**. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
6. The prior application is assigned of record to Pitney Bowes Inc..
7. A preliminary amendment of this application is enclosed. (Claims added by this amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.)
8. Address all future communications to:

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9. I hereby verify that the attached application is a true copy of prior application serial number 09/470,611 as originally filed on December 22, 1999.

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The undersigned declares further that all statements made herein of his/her own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so much are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.



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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.10, I hereby certify that the attached Request For Filing A Continuation Application Under 37 CFR 1.53(B); Patent Application consisting of twenty-one (21) pages, six (6) sheets of drawings, Declaration and Power of Attorney, Preliminary Amendment, Proposed Amendment to Drawings w/one (1) corrected drawing sheet, and Submission of Formal Drawings w/six (6) sheets of formal drawings was deposited with the U.S. Postal Service for delivery by Express Mail on April 2, 2001. The number of the Express Mail mailing label is EK794132695US.

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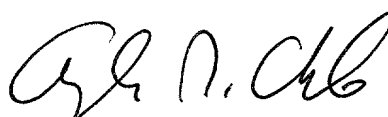
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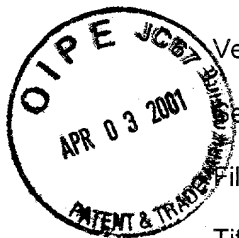
Please enter the attached six (6) sheets of formal drawings into the above-identified patent application.

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